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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Taos, Cole County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built 1847-50 by a local Belgian craftsman. Largely through the efforts of Father Helias, a Belgian, fifty Belgian immigrants, under the leadership of Pierre Dierckx, settled at Taos. This stone building was originally the rear wing to a two and one-half story log house which was Dierckx' first home. The stone wing is one and one-half stories with a large room, presumably designed as a kitchen, with a large fireplace for cooking. This fireplace has no mantel, but does have a boldly designed mantel shelf in the Flemish manner. The walnut doors were moved from the two and one-half story log house which Dierckx is said to have built upon his arrival in Taos in 1847. The doors measure eighty inches high and thirty-five and one-fourth inches wide. They were never painted. The owner in 1963, Mrs. Joseph Leigers, had converted the original log section into a bungalow-type house. The stone wing is used for storage purposes.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp, HABS historian. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.

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